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In re Application of :
Baker, et al. :
Application No. 09/374,681 : ON PETITION
Filed: August 16, 1999 :
Attorney Docket No. 81762/210 :
For: LOW INSERTION FORCE ELECTRICAL :
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 9, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned November 3, 1999 for failure to timely file a proper response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application ("Notice") mailed September 2, 1999. The Notice set a two (2) month shortened statutory period of time for reply. No extensions of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Notice of Abandonment was mailed August 30, 2000.

The above-identified application has been abandoned for an extended period of time. The Patent and Trademark Office is relying on petitioner's duty of candor and good faith in accepting the statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. See, Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure, 62 Fed. Reg. at 53160 and 53178; 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office at 88 and 103 (responses to comments 64 and 109) (applicant obligated under 37 CFR 10.18 to inquire into the underlying facts and circumstances when providing the statement required by 37 CFR 1.137(b) to the Patent and Trademark Office).

The required large entity filing fee of \$740.00 and the required surcharge for late submission of an executed oath or declaration of \$130.00 have been charged to Deposit Account No. 14-1138 as authorized in the instant petition.

This application will be forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0310.

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